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MARGINAL COLUMN By GEORGE LEONOF

THE air of discretion that surrounds Mr. Mikoyan's mission to the U.S. is so intense it is almost theatrical. The Soviet Union's First Deputy Prime Minister, top member of the Politburo and sole survivor in power of the Bolshevik old guard, is ostentatiously on a visit to his "old friend," Ambassador Mikhail Menshikov, in Washington. The Americans, who seem to have given him a visa with friendly alacrity, will say no more. Then, some hours after Mr. Mikoyan had arrived in Washington on Monday, it was announced that Mr. Dulles would fly to Canada the same day to take part in an economic conference. Mr. Dulles was leaving for Canada, and Mr. Mikoyan was having his first meeting with the Secretary of State. They were still talking when the State Department announced that a virus infection would prevent Mr. Dulles from keeping his date in Canada. The two men are to meet again after Mr. Mikoyan has returned to Washington from an extensive tour of America.

It would be idle to speculate on the specific subjects they talked about at their first meeting. No doubt some points of dispute between the U.S. and Russia are on the agenda. But the area of disagreement between the two is so broad that there is no possibility of reaching a field of international relations which they could not usefully explore. Essentially, Mr. Mikoyan is known as a businessman. During his career as Commissioner, then Minister of foreign and domestic trade he has become known as the "biggest" businessman in the world. But he is much more. Among other things, Anastas Ivanovich Mikoyan is the statesman in Russia who has been most responsible for the U.S.-Russia relationship, and perhaps not in Russia alone.

JUST what has given this wiry, nattily-dressed Bolshevik veteran his purpose in life is not known. Some have attributed it to his native Armenian shrewdness, which allows him to accommodate himself to a wide range of circumstances as easily as a Stalin. But what is known of Mr. Mikoyan indicates rather more than an astute capacity for survival and a keen sense of the resilience of steel. Like Stalin a one-time theological student, Mr. Mikoyan, unlike Khrushchev, graduated with honors in 1915, at the age of 20, and almost immediately joined the Bolshevik Party. Two years later, in Baku, he began his career of survival.

WHEN the British forces entered Baku in 1917, Mikoyan was among those who organized the defense. He fought the British on the barricades and when his party colleagues decided to flee, Mikoyan refused to do so. He saved his life, for he might have been the 27th of the Baku Commissars now executed in Russia as traitors. He was rescued by ship, was intercepted by the Whites, and returned to Baku. Mikoyan, who was arrested in the same time was not included among them when they were shot, and shortly after regained his liberty when the Baku docks stormed the prison.

IN 1925 he was appointed to the Central Committee of the Party, and became People's Commissar of Trade. He has been responsible for domestic supplies, domestic and foreign trade almost continuously until he was relieved last year. Westerners who came in contact with him have described him as a hard-headed businessman. He is also known in the West as the USSR Communist Party's famous 20th Congress was the first to denounce Stalin's dictatorship and the "personality" cult. Mr. Khrushchev's speech received far wider currency. In October, 1956, when Britain and France were openly attacking the Soviet Union, Mr. Mikoyan at a cocktail party in Moscow declared that all nations, including Israel, should have the right of passage through the Suez Canal. It was perhaps an obvious and expedient statement which might have been made under the circumstances. But it was Mikoyan who was chosen to make it.

Jerusalem, January 6.

Atomic Reactor For Israel Next Year

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A small swimming pool type atomic reactor costing \$750,000 has been ordered in the U.S. but it is not expected here before 1960. Prof. E. Bergmann, head of the Atomic Energy Commission, told The Jerusalem Post on Tuesday.

The reactor will be used for research purposes. Prof. Bergmann anticipated that it would be in operation before the end of 1960.

An offer of a reactor for experimental purposes was first made to Israel by the U.S. in 1955.

Drought Board Will Ease Worst Effects

By SHALOM COHEN, Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Minister of Agriculture on Tuesday set up a Drought Committee comprising representatives of the Ministry and the Jewish Agency's Settlement Department. The Committee, the Ministry's Deputy Director General, Mr. A. Amir, will keep tabs on damage done by what the Settlement Department believes to be the worst drought in memory.

It will also recommend remedial action to farmers. If a substantial amount of rain falls within the next week or 10 days fields as far south as Ashdod have a fair chance of recovering, officials of the Settlement Department told The Jerusalem Post on Tuesday. The yields would probably not be as high as usual, but they would be "reasonable," they said.

Settlements south of Ashdod have been given permission to irrigate fields, particularly those under forage crops. Some 100 to 200 million cubic meters of water will be used in a one-time watering of 40,000 dunams. The Planning Authority (comprising the Government, the Jewish Agency and the Histadrut) has already authorized settlements in the Kiryat Gat area and the Negev to irrigate their fields.

If the drought continues, the emergency irrigation will be extended to next year's water supply.

The cost of the special irrigation will be borne by the villagers themselves.

Saplings Endangered

The J.N.F. this week slowed down its tree-planting program. Some 150,000 saplings were scheduled to be planted this year, topping last year's record of 100,000. The J.N.F. spokesman told The Jerusalem Post.

Planting began after the first rains in December, but if the drought continues, the saplings will die. January is usually the crucial month, and so far only a small part of the program has been carried out.

Some 6,000 workers were to be employed under the year's planting schedule. The delay of the work from new settlements, have been transferred to land reclamation work—now possible in view of the dry weather—but the workers who are taken on through the labor exchanges will be hard hit.

Scarcity of Hay

Drastic measures are being planned to offset the threatened shortage of hay, the absence of natural pasture for cattle and sheep in the Negev, and its paucity in the North.

It was also pointed out that:

- Increased rationing of concentrates for cattle and sheep.
- The Department may take the measures of stockpiling large quantities of hay.
- Hay was imported about five years ago and then in small quantities—when a drought hit other places in the Negev, heading east.

Many Deaths From Gales in America

NEW YORK (Reuter).—Forty-four deaths in 14 States have been attributed to the winter's coldest weather spell now gripping the eastern U.S. from Maine to northern Florida.

Gales whistling across the Northeast at up to 120 k.p.h. on Tuesday fanned fires which killed at least 19 persons, disrupted transport and damaged property.

The high wind, coupled with low temperatures was blamed for a total of 44 deaths in 14 States.

The worst tragedy was at Syracuse, New York, where seven student girls at Syracuse University died in a fire which swept their dormitory. At least 18 others were injured, some seriously.

Fire claimed five more lives in Maryland. West Virginia, when whipped into a fury by the wind, it raged through a nursing home for elderly people.

In New Jersey, New Jersey, police closed off the highway to answer to burglar alarms set off by the wind.

20 KILLED IN ISTANBUL BLAST

ISTANBUL. — At least 20 persons were believed killed in an explosion in central Istanbul on Tuesday. The blast, the origin of which is still not known, wrecked several buildings in Abial Street, the press center. Police said 160 persons are being treated for injuries in hospitals, and that nine bodies have been recovered from the debris.

(Reuter, UPI)

Italian Premier And U.N. Chief Meet Nasser

CAIRO. — Premier Amintore Fanfani of Italy on Tuesday had his first meeting with Abdul Nasser shortly after he arrived from Rome for a four-day visit. The two are scheduled to meet again tonight (Wednesday).

The first meeting was also attended by Foreign Minister Fanfani and Nasser's chief political adviser, Ali Sabry. Mr. Fanfani, the first major Western statesman to visit Egypt since the 1956 Suez crisis, is expected to plan the UAR leader of his plan for closer relations between Europe and the Arab States. Highlights of his visit will be the signing of a cultural agreement between Italy and the UAR, and the opening of the first Italian cultural institute in Cairo.

In Paris, the French Foreign Ministry spokesman said that Fanfani's visit was of "general interest" for the West as it came within the scope of Western efforts to improve relations with Egypt. He said the French economic mission to Egypt, Mr. Jean Robert, will return to Cairo soon to sign a trade pact with the U.A.R.

The U.N. Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, who met Nasser here on Monday night after conferring with the U.A.R. ambassador for one day, continued consultations with Foreign Minister Fanfani on Tuesday. They discussed border problems and the U.A.R.'s demand for Israel's return to the Mixed Armistice Commission. Mr. Hammarskjöld is to leave on Wednesday morning for his Middle East tour before he flies to New York.

Meanwhile East German Foreign Minister Otto Grotewohl met with Nasser on Tuesday for the second time. Grotewohl and Nasser conferred on Sunday, shortly after the German Communist leader arrived here from Berlin. Grotewohl spent Monday in Port Said and Alexandria, and will leave for Damascus on Wednesday.

The World Bank President, Mr. Eugene Black, on Tuesday returned to his headquarters in Washington after a brief meeting with Economy Minister Abdul Munim Kalousay. (Cairo Reuter)

The talks between Israel leaders and Mr. Hammarskjöld in Jerusalem and Sede Boker last week were reported by the Foreign Minister at a meeting of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee on Tuesday.

LOCUSTS FLYING OFF TO JORDAN

The locusts swarm that settled on Monday evening in the fields of Sede Boker were destroyed by Plant Protection Department ground crews on Tuesday. No damage had been caused. Small swarms of flying locusts were on Tuesday night in other places in the Negev, heading east.

Mapai Leaders See Heavy Poll As Omen for Knesset Success

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — The results of the weekend voting for delegates to the forthcoming Mapai conference have given the party leadership a sense of optimism for next autumn's general election. The Jerusalem Post was told on Tuesday evening.

The high level of participation—over 120,000 out of 180,000 eligible—has given party leaders a sense of renewed strength and confidence.

The results for the city were not definite by Tuesday night, with trade union votes still being counted. An important interim outcome was the emergence of an important group of personalities belonging to none of the existing factions, and of new faces in the local branch committees. The election, many prominent members of the "younger" faction came out fairly high in various branch lists. Thirty of the young group were elected out of this region's 230 delegates to the national convention.

Two other interesting phenomena were the lack of influence of communal origin on the voters' choice, and the defeat of adherents of the "young" faction of the trade unionists and young followers of the "Oush" is the precincts.

The Foreign Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir, received a number of votes going to any single candidate in the entire Tel Aviv area. She was at the top of Branch Committee list, which covers central Tel Aviv with 3,500 members participating.

Abul Moshe Dayan was first in the Zabala Branch, closely followed by Abul Mishal N. Brosh.

The Minister without Portfolio, Mr. P. Naphthal, led Branch Daled, and with him was elected the postman, Mr. Ande Amir. A leading member of the young generation, Mr. Asher Yedlin, of the Secretariat of the Civil Servants Union, went down in defeat in this precinct.

The large Branch Bet in the northern suburb voted Mr. A. Govrin, M.K., to the top of its list. He was closely followed by two leading M.K.s.

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Chief of Congolese Rioters Hunted

LEOPOLDVILLE, Belgian Congo (UPI).—Governor General Henri Bismans ordered the arrest on Tuesday of Joseph Kasu Vubu, Vice-President of the Abako (Lower Congo) Congolese, on charges of inciting rioting which took 85 lives in two days. A search for him is under way.

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Kassem Promoted To Major-General

BAGHDAD (Reuter).—The Premier, Brig. Kassem, has been promoted to major-general. It was announced on Tuesday, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Army Day.

Broadcasting the news over Baghdad Radio, Brig. Abdul Wahab Amin, the Chief of the General Staff, said that Kassem would be promoted to major-general. He said that Kassem would be promoted to major-general. He said that Kassem would be promoted to major-general.

Baghdad was in festive mood to celebrate the anniversary. Four hundred out of 1,200 prisoners in the Central Jail were freed and a 25 per cent reduction in the sentences of all other prisoners was decreed.

2-Hour Clash On Iran-Iraq Border

TEHRAN (Reuter).—The Persian daily "Ettelaat," reported a two-hour clash on the Iraqi border on Monday.

It said that Persian frontier guards detained two Iraqi policemen and a number of bandits who robbed Persian shepherds of 1,000 head of cattle near Yekshan. The livestock have been returned and the detained Iraqis are being prosecuted.

HAIFA RESULTS

HAIFA. — Preliminary results of the Mapai elections at midnight yesterday showed that the party's acknowledged leaders in the city were well ahead in every district and trade union. But the results also showed that young men and women had been elected.

Mayor Abba Khushy who stood for election as delegate of the port workers led them, while the Labour Council Secretary, Mr. Y. Alon, was leading in the election. Many prominent members of the "younger" faction came out fairly high in various branch lists. Thirty of the young group were elected out of this region's 230 delegates to the national convention.

Eshkol Leaves for America

The Minister of Finance, Mr. Levi Eshkol, left by air on Tuesday afternoon for a fortnight's visit to the U.S. where he will meet with Jewish leaders to discuss Israel's financial needs in connection with the new immigration waves. He was received by the President prior to his departure.

Mr. Eshkol is on Friday to address the annual meeting of the Board of Governors of the Israel Development Bonds Organization in New York. The debate on the 1958/59 Budget which Mr. Eshkol introduced on Monday will begin in a fortnight. The Knesset Presidium decided on Tuesday.

As was the case last year, the first reading will be on the budget in general and on the revenue estimates. The expenditure budgets of the various Ministries, including the opening speeches of the Ministers, will be debated during the second reading.

The House Committee on Tuesday gave the Finance Committee the go-ahead to discuss the draft budget and prepare it for its second reading, even though the plenary has not yet passed the first reading.

Soviet Rocket May Orbit Sun By Tomorrow

MOSCOW. — Mecha, the Russian moon rocket, has practically entered its elliptical path, and is expected to go into orbit around the sun on Wednesday or Thursday as the first artificial planet, a leading Soviet scientist announced on Tuesday.

Alexander Topchiev, Vice-President of the Academy of Sciences, said in a news conference that "Mecha" is now 500,000 miles from the earth and 325,000 miles from the moon. He hailed the rocket launching as a "triumph of human genius" over the force of gravitation.

When the first artificial earth satellite was launched on October 4, 1957, some of our detractors abroad alleged that the rocket was exploded through by the U.S.S.R. an accidental record by what is generally a technically backward country. Now these fabrications have been exploded. Dr. Topchiev said.

Data for All

The scientific data emitted by the rocket will be published in Soviet scientific journals and made available to the whole world, according to Prof. Anatoly Biagonorov, head of the Technical Section of the Academy. But he said the analysis of the data received by the tracking stations which had radio contact with the rocket on Monday, would take some time.

"True," the Soviet trade union newspaper, said that the Soviet stars in the cosmos were the stars of peace. "They do not threaten anybody, they do not become the object of political speculation."

Russia to Construct Shipyard for Egypt

CAIRO (Reuter).—The U.A.R. is expected to sign an agreement with Russia before the middle of this month to cover the building of an 800m. shipyard at Alexandria, the Cairo newspaper "Al-Ahram" said on Tuesday.

It will be built with the help of Soviet specialists and using funds from the credit granted recently to the U.A.R. by the Soviet Union for the construction of industrial and technical installations.

UAR Subj. Problem 'To NATO

PARIS (Reuter).—Submarine problems in the Mediterranean are being discussed by NATO anti-submarine training was held at a very high level "and the problem would be taken care of very easily, provided we don't have a very unlucky day."

Premier's Reply Today On Coup d'Etat Canard

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Prime Minister is scheduled to reply on Wednesday morning to motions for the agenda referring to the report that, before the elections to the Knesset, it had been suggested to him that he "seize power."

Mr. Ben-Gurion is reported to have revealed this to the members of the Mapai Central Committee some weeks ago. The motions have been submitted by Herut and the Communists. The General Zionists have submitted a parliamentary question on the subject.

China Warns Of Quemoy Reprisal

TAIPEI (UPI).—The Chinese Communists have threatened to launch a "large-scale artillery bombardment" against the Nationalist-held Quemoy island, the Nationalist Defense Ministry said on Tuesday.

Rear-Admiral Liu Hou-tu, spokesman for the Ministry, said that the Communists announced over loudspeakers opposite the offshore islands that they wanted to punish the Quemoy garrison for killing several children in one of the People's communes along the coast during a gun duel last Saturday.

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Mikoyan Assures U.S. No Peril Over Berlin

Coty Finishes Job Of Fourth Republic

PARIS (Reuter).—M. Rene Coty, 75-year-old President of the Fourth Republic, presided on Tuesday over his last Cabinet meeting.

He hands over to General de Gaulle on Thursday, when the General becomes the first President of the new Fifth Republic.

The meeting was the climax of busy ministerial consultations winding up the affairs of the Fourth Republic and paving the way for the Fifth.

Among the important measures which the Ministers approved was a decree providing for extended profit-sharing schemes for workers and worker-management cooperation, and another raising the school-leaving age from 14 to 16.

More Teachers

Other education reforms aimed at producing more scientists are being implemented. The number of teachers is being increased by 40 per cent in two years.

General de Gaulle's office has officially announced that M. Guy Mollet, Socialist Minister of State and M. Eugene Thomas, Socialist Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, offered their resignation last December 27 over disagreement with the budget.

New Cuban President Acts To Destroy Batista Relics

HAVANA (UPI).—Provisional President Manuel Urrutia on Tuesday dissolved both Houses of the Batista Congress and the Batista-appointed Courts of Urgency (criminal courts) in a move to wipe out the last vestiges of the dictatorship.

Dr. Urrutia, nominee of victorious rebel leader Dr. Fidel Castro, held his first Cabinet meeting after making peace with young leaders of the "revolution" who directed the rebel movement which ousted President Fulgencio Batista.

He issued a proclamation announcing rule by Cabinet and promising legislation within 12 to 18 months.

In a major conciliatory move, he announced he would on Tuesday honor the Presidential Palace on Monday night and called off the martial law in Havana Province imposed earlier in the day by the revolutionary leader.

Dr. Castro had proclaimed martial law without explanation while Dr. Urrutia was still on his way to the capital. Members of the Nationalist Corps visited the President-designate soon after he had been installed. Among them were the Papat Nuncio and the Ambassador of Argentina, the U.S., Chile, Brazil, Colombia and Spain.

The Venezuelan Government has recognized the new Cuban Government. It is the first country to resume normal diplomatic relations with Cuba since the successful revolt.

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When Palmel's ended at midnight Tuesday, the Prime Minister led with 1,981 votes. After him came Mr. Abba Khushy with 2,642. Deputy Mayor David Rahmani, 2,648. Mr. Shalom Eliaz, M.K., 2,615. Mr. Gideon Ben-Zur, 2,608. Mrs. Shoshana Bagdadit, 2,601. Mayor David Tsvetanski, 2,601. and Branch Secretary Ben-Zur, 2,601.

Striving For Summit Talks

WASHINGTON (UPI).—High officials said on Tuesday that the Soviet Deputy Premier, Mr. Anastas Mikoyan, in his talks here appear to be backing down on Russia's demand over Berlin.

Mr. Mikoyan, who met on Monday with Secretary of State Dulles and died later with Congress and business leaders, was reported to have assured his hosts that Russia has no intention of trying to force Britain, France and the U.S. out of Berlin.

Mr. Mikoyan was due to meet with Vice-President Richard Nixon later Tuesday. It was disclosed that he had requested and had been granted permission to travel to areas of the U.S. normally closed to Soviet officials.

Hard To Tell Quakes From Nuclear Tests

GENEVA (Reuter).—Britain is willing to join any study by American and Soviet experts on new problems of distinguishing underground nuclear tests from everyday earthquakes, an authoritative British source said on Tuesday night.

Britain hopes such a study will take place among the experts of the delegations to the three-power nuclear weapons conference, an authoritative British source said on Tuesday night.

The American delegation is also prepared to discuss this new information with experts of the two other delegations. The immediate reaction of the Soviet Union is not yet publicly known here.

The conference held its thirtieth plenary session on Tuesday afternoon, but authoritative sources said there was no discussion of the new American document.

Voroshilov Calls For 'Sensible' Solution

MOSCOW (Reuter).—Premier Nikolai Voroshilov has told President Eisenhower in a cable that he hopes the U.S. will give due attention to Soviet proposals concerning the status of Berlin, TASS said on Tuesday.

The message said there was a need for common efforts to put an end to "the existing abnormal situation" in Berlin and to solve the question "on a sensible basis."

German Communists at the end of May and has urged that the U.S. should not allow West Berlin to be isolated and permit it to become a "demilitarized free city."

However, it appears that Russia does not intend to try, through the German Communists or by her own action, to cut off and isolate the Allies as was done in 1948. At that time the Western powers resorted to a massive airlift to supply the beleaguered Western sector of the city.

Seeks General Parley

The Russian official has dropped a strong hint that what President Eisenhower really wants is a summit meeting with President Eisenhower on Berlin, other German problems, nuclear disarmament, and the question of European security.

This confirms the belief of some American officials that Mr. Khrushchev deliberately precipitated the Berlin crisis in an effort to get a summit conference. Mr. Mikoyan's visit was seen only of a Soviet-American meeting and it is not clear yet whether he intends to initiate British and French officials. The U.S. could be expected to insist that its two major allies attend any top meeting.

Officials said that Mr. Mikoyan, in his talks with Mr. Dulles and others, has said that Russia did not make proposals on Berlin with the idea of forcing the U.S. to an ultimatum. Mr. Mikoyan has described the Russian note as being a set of "proposals" which the Kremlin wishes to use as a basis for negotiation.

The Western powers have already rejected the idea of getting out of Berlin under the Russian terms and proposed instead a broad conference in which the Berlin situation would be considered only as a part of the problem of German reunification and European security.

Mr. Dulles was reported by top State Department officials as being cautiously optimistic that the Mikoyan talks may lead to a definite break in the Berlin crisis and some easing of other tensions.

THE GENERAL FEDERATION OF JEWISH LABOUR IN ISRAEL

(Histadrut)

HAVAAD HAPOEL

(THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE)

THE CEREMONY FOR THE AWARD OF LABOUR PRIZES 1958/59

will be held on Sunday, January 11, 1959, 7 p.m., at the Beit Lessin Hall, 26 Rehov Weizmann, Tel Aviv.

With the participation of:

Mordehai Namir, Minister of Labour

Pinhas Levan, Secretary-General of the Histadrut

Aharon Becker, Director of the Histadrut Trade Union Department

Beri Repatur, Member of the Histadrut Central Committee

Yehuda Yudin, Member of the Histadrut Central Committee

Infantry's Fire Power Has Grown Greatly, Laskov Says

Jerusalem Post Bureau
TEL AVIV. — The fire power of infantry units of the Israel Defense Forces has increased several times over thanks to the acquisition of the semi-automatic rifle and other modern weapons, the Chief of Staff, **Abuf Haim Leshov**,

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bers of the youth section, Alfi Roman and Mr. Barzel.

In Branch Gimmel, Mrs. Meir was followed by a leading spokesman of "Gut" and a head of the local Labour Council, Mr. Y. Silber-

clear during a lecture by a senior officers school for advanced training this week's issue of "Hamah" reported in an article entitled "New Criticism".

It is essential that our officers obtain maximum concentration from the weapons. With the semi-

Mr. Y. Nitsman, M.M., was at the top of Branch Alpha's list.

Party Spokesman Mr. M. Gibson, were favoured by the electors, as were adherents of the youth faction, such as the Branch Secretary, Mr. Samuel Gai.

Interim results in the Clerks Union showed that the highest number of votes were cast for the Director-General of the Defence Ministry, Mr. Shannon Fergusson.

The results of the elections in the Jaffa Branch showed a

② It is incumbent on an encircled force to continue fight and on the infantry to be ready to battle armour.
 ③ Ground forces may not

The Kiryat Shalom Branch, which is comprised mainly of Histadrut veterans from Eastern Europe, gave its votes to two Yeminites, Mr. S. Sarf and Mr.

Dr. Mary Berger, M.E., was first in the March Shannan Branch's list.

The Women's Society re-elected its leaders, Deputy President Squawnee Mrs. L. E. Mahdum, M.E., Mrs. L. Mahdum and City Councillor O. Kasenchay.

The incumbent heads of the

**Aguda Teachers
in Safed Strike**

Jerusalem Post Reporter
SAPAD. — The 22 teachers and headmasters of the three Agudat Yisrael schools in Safed went on strike on Tuesday because they have not been paid for four

The Harbour Workers Union boosted the local Labour Council head, Mr. E. Shechter, as did the Arms Industry Workers his deputy, Mr. U. Albert.

In Jerusalem, Mayor Gershon Agron was leading in the number of votes in the

Menachem district; Deputy Mayor M. Ish-Shalom in Be'er-Sa, Mr. M. Baran, Secretary of the Labour Council, city secretary; and Mr. D. Lipov, Parliamentary Secretary in Jerusalem, in Mevo Be'eran. The counting of the trade union vote continues.

In Ramat Gan, the secretary of the local Labour Council, Mr. Y. Abouhassan, said his followers routed Dr. A. Nasser and his adherents of the young group.


In Holon, Mapai members reaffirmed their confidence in Mayor Pinhas Sifton by putting him

at the top of the local list. Second in the list was the Communist Party's chief, Mr. D. Freilich, followed by Mr. A. Harafeld, Communist Party, and Mr. R. Maital, head of the Histadrut Political Department.

Mayor Aris Tager led the Anti-Zionist demonstrators. He was followed by Councillor Y. Arish (representing the Rumanian community), Councillor Y. Kohn, Mr. Uri Chichik, representing the Iraqi settlers in the city, and Mr. Y. Ben-David, representing the border police. The crowd, which numbered about 100 persons, was the dilapidated and pained-looking, rocking horses and roundabouts in the school playground.

The policemen's children, recently distributed gifts of money, were seen in the handsprings of a party on the occasion of the "adoption."

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